of scavengers with the objective of converting the existing dry latrines into low cost pour flush latrines and providing alternative employment to the liberated scavengers. The national Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents which is under implementation since 1991-92, provides for training and rehabilitation of Scavengers. The guidelines of this Scheme have been modified w.e.f. 1.4.1996 which, *inter alia*, include:

(i) adoption of TRYSEM norms for training,

(ii) release of Central Assistance directly to SCDCs,

(iii) higher average project cost of Rs. 50,000/- per beneficiary, and

(iv) adoption of cluster approach in the training and rehabilitation programme.

The National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation has been set up recently and is about to become operational, to finance projects proposed by person belonging to Safai Karamcharis community. Better co-ordination of the Schemes for Safai Karamcharis is also being attempted.

Statement

Details of Target and Achievement under National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependants.

YEAR	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT
1993-94	107000	41165
1994-95	150000	63296
1995-96	122000	**
1996-97	100000	**

** Complete information from all the States are still awaited.

Aftercare Institutions Established in Gujarat for Neglected and Delinquent

3945. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of observation homes, juvenile homes, special homes and aftercare institutions established in Gujarat for the neglected and delinquent children with district-wise details thereof;

(b) the services rendered by each of home and institutions; and

(c) the other welfare measures being undertaken by Government for the neglected and delinquent children in Gujarat to reform them and make them good citizen?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Castes Included in the List of OBC category

3946. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some castes have been included in the list of Other Backward Classes category;

(b) if so, the names of such castes, State and Union Territory-wise as on 31st March, 1997;

(c) whether some formalities have been prescribed for people to get OBC certificates;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise as on 31st March 1997;

(e) whether some time limit for issue of such certificates on receipt of requests has been laid down; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Notification of Caste included in the Central List of OBC's in respect of twenty-five States/Union Territories have been issued in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-I-Section 1 (No. 186 Dated 13 September 1993, No. 163 Dated 20th October, 1994, No. 88 Dated: 25th May 1995, No. 60 Dated 11th March 1996 & No. 210 Dated 11th December, 1996).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The proforma for issue of OBC Certificate has been circulated to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations as at Statement (*See* below).

(e) and (f) No, Sir. Since issuance of OBC Certificate falls under the purview of the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, they are expected to issue these certificates in the shortest possible time after conducting necessary investigations.